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SUBJECT: GOI REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM SOYBEAN EMBARGO

REF: (A) STATE 139096

(B) TEL AVIV 5490

(C) TEL AVIV 5251

(D) NICOSIA 1575

1. ASSUME DEPT HAS REF B REPORTING FORN MIN EBAN'S REPRESENTATION TO CHARGE ON THIS SUBJECT. THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT US SOYBEAN EMBARGO HITS ISRAEL HARD, AND THERE ARE NO ALTERNATE SOURCES OF SUPPLY.

2. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY CALCULATION, WHICH IS BASED ON PAST DOMESTIC (AND OCCUPIED TERRITORIES) USAGE RATE PLUS SMALL GROWTH FACTOR, GOI IS CORRECT IN ASSERTING THAT IT WILL HAVE ON HAND ONLY ONE MONTH'S SUPPLY ON NOVEMBER 1 EVEN IF ALL THREE SHIPLOADS TOTALLING 90,000 TONS COME TO ISRAEL AS GOI HAD SCHEDULED. DOMESTIC USAGE RATE PER MONTH IS ABOUT 30,000 METRIC TONS OF SOYBEANS.

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3. IF ONLY HALF OF CONTRACTED SHIPMENTS ARRIVE, ISRAELI SOY BEAN PROCESSING INDUSTRY WILL INDEED HAVE TO SHUT DOWN IN OCTOBER FOR LACK OF RAW MATERIAL. IN ADDITION, THOUGH ISRAEL HAS NOT RAISED THIS, EMBASSY CAN FORESEE CRISIS IN EDIBLE OIL, WHICH IS OBTAINED AS PRODUCT FROM CRUSHING OF SOYBEANS.
4. CUTBACK IN SOYBEAN MEAL USE WOULD HAVE DISASTROUS IMPACT MN LOCAL POULTRY INDUSTRY AND LEAD TO SHARP REDUCTION IN AVAILABILITY OF POULTRY MEAT.
5. REF D, WHICH CROSSED WITH REF A, CONFIRMS THAT ISRAEL IS CURTAILING ITS MEAL EXPORTS. ISRAEL'S EXPORTS, THOUGH SMALL, ARE EXCLUDED FROM DOMESTIC USAGE RATE CITED PARA-2.
6. IN LIGHT OF FOREGOING, FEEL THAT FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR ISRAEL, THOUGH SERIOUS, ARE SECONDARY.
7. EMBASSY STRONGLY REITERATES ITS RECOMMENDATION IN REF B THAT URGENT EFFORT BE MADE TO FIND SOME WAY TO ACCOMMODATE ISRAEL. WE HAVE ALREADY HEARD APPEALS FROM FORN MINISTER (REF B) AND MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (REF C) ON THIS MATTER.
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